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## A Message from the Mayor

Hi Everyone,

Livingstone Shire Council is currently busy working on one of the most important tasks of the year, the budget.

Unfortunately, the likelihood of rates not increasing this year is low but Council is committed to minimising a rise wherever possible.

There are a number of factors that contribute to rate rises, with some of them being outside Council's control.

Cost increases in materials, labour through Enterprise Bargaining agreements, insurance premiums and fuel are some examples.

Council will also lose \$1 million over three years due to recent funding cuts from the Queensland Local Government Grants Commission.

It's important to understand that property valuations, issued by the Valuer-General, also place upward pressure on rates.

Valuations are based on the most recent sale prices for properties in the Shire, which we all know have spiked lately.

The recent surge in development and construction also means Council will need to bring long-term infrastructure, such as water and sewerage, forward by up to eight years which comes at a cost.

All of these significant cost increases create a challenge for Council in the 2022-2023 budget which is due to be adopted in June.

Although it will be a tough job, we will do our best to ensure our rates are delivering quality, essential services while still balancing the financial impact on households.

**Mayor Andy Ireland** 



#### Marvel at the Marlborough Museum (FRONT COVER IMAGE)

This beautiful artwork is located in the historic town of Marlborough at the wonderful Marlborough Historical Museum and Library and was created by the talented Martin Schlick of Mash Designs.

These creations are absolutely stunning and photos definitely don't do them justice, so we guess you'll just have to see them with your own eyes! Whilst you're there drop in and see the lovely ladies at the Marlborough Historical Museum and Library.

We can promise you won't be disappointed!





### Don't forget that all eServices offered by Livingstone Shire Libraries are available anytime, anywhere!

# MAJOR PROJECT NEWS

### Resource Recovery Centre tender awarded

The construction of a Resource Recovery Centre at the Yeppoon Landfill has reached a major milestone, with the tender for the project awarded to Paynters Pty Ltd.

The \$3 million project is jointly funded by Livingstone Shire Council and the Queensland Government, which has committed \$625,000 through its Resource Recovery Industry Development Program.

The facility will divert waste from landfill by increasing the level of sorting and capturing of reusable, recyclable, or recoverable materials.

The project includes; a covered check-in, regulated waste storage, and a resource recovery shed connecting to the existing landfill road system.It's due to be completed in September 2022.

For project updates please visit: https://www.livingstone.qld.gov.au/resource-recovery-centre



## Stanage Bay Road major sealing works steams ahead

The tender for Stages 2 and 3 of major sealing works on Stanage Bay Road has been awarded to company Durack Civil Pty Ltd. The first stage of works (Stage 4) has now been partially completed, with about six kilometres of the total 39.7 kilometre project sealed. Stages 2 and 3 include sealing 23 kilometres of the road, with the works expected to take eight months to complete.

The \$21.6 million project, which is fully-funded through the Australian Government's Roads of Strategic Importance (ROSI) initiative, involves the upgrade of unsealed sections of Stanage Bay Road to sealed road standard between the Bruce Highway and the Army Access gate.



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#### FRIDAY 22 APRIL

**OGMORE** Bicentennial Park 11.00am - 1.00pm

**MARLBOROUGH** Lions Park 3.00pm - 5.00pm

#### WEDNESDAY 18 MAY

MT CHALMERS Library 2.00pm - 4.00pm **CAWARRAL** Hall 5.00pm - 7.00pm

#### **SATURDAY 11 JUNE**

**GLENDALE** Sondra Lena Park 9.00am - 11.00am

#### **SATURDAY 16 JULY**

**KEPPEL SANDS** Schofield Park 9.00am - 11.00am

#### **SATURDAY 20 AUGUST**

THE CAVES Lions Bicentennial Park 10.00am - 12.00pm

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